

OFF THE DOCK

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~ Rain, Rain, Go Away ~

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Thinking last Friday was going to be a bust, I resigned myself to the fact that I'd be house-bound for the day with a dry Willy and a straight rod. Thunder, lightning and rain were on the menu for the entire day. By noon, nothing had happened that was predicted. By 12:30, my fishing buddy and I had lines in the water. By 1:30, we had two nice Pompano on ice. Two hours later, we had both limited-out and were heading in as dark clouds started circling around us. It was the shortest outing that we have ever had and it produced the most fish.

All the action was in Roberts Bay as we drifted the Intracoastal. The tide was strong and incoming the entire time. The brackish waters from the creeks were held back keeping the clarity good. The water temps were in the lower 80's probably due to all the rain during the previous days. We drifted different lanes each time but stayed between marker 15 going south just past #12. The trick was to keep moving and don't keep fishing the exact same spot. Anything under 12" to the split, we released. Total count 18.

I'll put you on the fish.

If you don't catch one, it's your own damn fault.

